

## TERRITORY OF GUAM OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AGAÑA, GUAM 96910 U.S.A.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 89-15

## AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 89-12 TO INCREASE REPRESENTATION ON THE GUAM WAR REPARATIONS COMMISSION

- WHEREAS, the people of Guam suffered the experience of World War II between December 8, 1941 and July 21, 1944, causing the people of Guam to suffer the destruction of personal property, the obliteration of their homes and farms, the loss of family members and loved ones, great personal injury and pain, the humiliation of occupation and virtual slavery; and
- WHEREAS, the United States of America and Japan have made war reparation payments to other Micronesian island states and governments, Including to our Chamorro brothers and sisters in the CNMI and the United States has further made compensation payments to Japanese Americans who were Illegally interned during World War II; and
- WHEREAS, justice demands that after 45 years the people of Guam, who suffered needlessly and expensively, be compensated in the same manner that others have been; and
- WHEREAS, on June 2, 1989, Executive Order 89-12 was signed, establishing the GUAM WAR REPARATIONS COMMISSION, a body tasked with spearheading Guam's efforts to obtain war reparations for the people of Guam; and
- WHEREAS, to increase the effectiveness of the Commission and more swiftly bring to an end the travesty of justice which has denied compensation to the people of Guam, this Administration wishes to increase representation on the Commission.
- THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH F. ADA, Governor of the Territory of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby order:

That Executive Order No. 89-12, Sections 1 and 3 be amended as follows:

- I. The Commission shall consist of <u>eleven</u> members appointed by the Governor who shall serve without compensation and at the Governor's pleasure.
- 3. The balance of the members of the Commission shall include: Three senators of the Legislative Minority, three senators of the Legislative Majority and four members at large.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam, this 8th day of June, 1989.

OSEPH F. ADA Governor of Guam

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COUNTERS IGNED:

FRANK F. BLAS Lieutenant Governor of Guam